

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry film without commercial interruption days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a dangerous attempt to manipulate the upcoming national election.

Airwaves belong to the public and Sinclair Broadcasting, which uses our airwaves free of charge, is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Ever since the FCC has deregulated broadcasting, large corporations have come to monopolize our airwaves and failed to serve the public good, especially Sinclair. This corporation has centralized its news operations, fired local newscasters and generally been very partisan Republican in their actions. Sinclair's actions. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. I am appalled that the federal agency charged with protecting our public air waves have failed to do so. Thank you.